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JAPANESE BLINDED BY THICK GERMAN SMOKESCREEN: PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THROUGH PROPAGANDA

VICHY'S RELATIONS WITH BERLIN: UNIQUE POSITION: NO HISTORICAL PARALLEL

"The international situation has certainly not evolved in Germany's favour since Herr Hitler made his fruitless offer to Marshal Petain," said MR. THOMAS CAVIET, former Paris correspondent to The Times, when he spoke in London yesterday on the relations between Vichy and Berlin and the sufferings of the French people under German rule.

Greeks Now Twice As Far Into Albania

POSITION OF ITALIANS IS DESPERATE

The Greeks are now twice as far into Albania as the Italians managed to penetrate into Greece, states a message from London.

Greek troops are now only a mile away from Santi Quaranto and the position of the Italians at Argyrokastron has been made desperate with the Greek capture of two heights which dominate the town from the east.

The Greeks command the whole of the southern end of Albania between Argyrokastron and Santi Quaranto.

ON OWN GROUND

The Athens radio yesterday reminded the world that the low lying ground by the sea enabled the enemy to push the Greeks back. Now the enemy is being defeated on their own ground.

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"There has not been a great deal of news from France recently," said Mr. Caviet. "The Germans have been making strong efforts to make the French co-operate with Nazi Germany against Britain, although this would involve not only the betrayal of her former ally, but also a violation of some of the French pledges which were given to us at the time of the capitulation to Germany."

VICHY HOLDING OUT

"There is still, however, a preponderating influence in Vichy which is holding out against complete submission to Germany. It is true that at his meeting with Herr Hitler, Marshal Petain's conception of collaboration with Germany did not go far enough for Herr Hitler's liking."

"The German press immediately turned nasty and published a statement that there would be no collaboration between France and Germany until Germany had won the war. And now the Germans have started expelling thousands of Frenchmen from Lorraine and we have the complete annexation of Lorraine, which together with the Saar, will henceforth form a new German province known as Westmark."

FRENCH REACTION

"The French reaction to this has been sufficiently great to cause a temporary stoppage of these."

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THREE-POWER PACT WORKED TO ADVANTAGE OF REICH

THE VIEW THAT THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, WEARY OF WAR, ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THROUGH GERMAN PROPAGANDA AND ARE COMING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT BRITAIN IS GOING TO WIN THE WAR was expressed yesterday by VISCOUNT KANO, London Manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, states a message from London.

Viscount Kano said that Germany had put up such a thick smoke screen round the world that even the Japanese have been blinded. They are now beginning to realise that Herr Hitler's invasion of Britain has failed and they are only just beginning to remember that Herr Hitler was going to be in London in August, in September, in October and in November and they are realising today that he is not there yet.

Big U.S. Loan To Britain

According to the New York Herald-Tribune the United States is preparing to give Britain a loan of \$2,500,000,000.

with a lien on the gold production of the Empire as security for the next five years, states a London message.

This announcement was reported to have been made by the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Bank in New York.

The loan is equal to \$255,000,000.

Another report from America states that the United States is also preparing to sell thousands of tons of merchant shipping to Britain.

Another message states that Germany's unwillingness to immediately recognise the new regime in Nanking and the peace treaty between Wang Ching-wei and Japan indicated that the Three-Power Pact is being worked to Germany's advantage.

The German explanation is that the pact was designed for mutual action against further aggression.

It is, however, stated that one of the reasons which has induced this stand by Germany is that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has made it clear that recognition of Wang Ching-wei by any power will be regarded as an unfriendly act.

If Germany, therefore, breaks with Chungking by recognising the Wang regime, it will affect her relations with Russia, who is reported to be increasing her aid to China.

In the meanwhile, Japan is making what little capital she can by announcing that Rumania has decided to recognise "Manchukuo." This recognition seems somewhat late, seeing that "Manchukuo" was formed eight years ago!

3,000 Planes Downed

A total of 3,000 enemy planes have been shot down over Britain from the time the war started.

This total was reached on Monday when 12 Messerschmitts were destroyed at the cost of one British plane, states a London message.

In the fourteen months of the war Britain and her Allies have accounted for more than 6,000 enemy planes.

British losses number 850 which makes it more than a 3 to 1 victory. In fact, it is better than that because 450 pilots are safe to fly again.

NIGHTMARE SCENE IN A BLAZING BOMBER RECALLED IN AWARDS

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter)—A nightmare scene in a blazing bomber over Cologne is described in the latest list of R.A.F. awards including the D.S.O. to PILOT-OFFICER GEOFFREY CHESHIRE and the D.F.M. to SERGT. HENRY DAVIDSON, respectively captain and wireless operator of the aircraft.

When a photographic flare was about to be dropped from the machine it was detonated by a piece of anti-aircraft shrapnel.

There was a blinding explosion blowing out part of the fuselage followed by fire which filled the cockpit with choking fumes, in all of which time intense anti-aircraft fire continued.

Pilot-Officer Cheshire regained control of the aircraft which had lost height and, by a remarkable feat, succeeded in regaining the aerodrome.

In the meantime, Davidson, who was badly burned and temporarily blinded, persuaded the rear gunner to guide his burned fingers over the wireless controls as he called settings until he realised the wireless was useless.

A.D.F.C. goes to FLIGHT-LIEUT. HOWARD BLATCHFORD who led a squadron which destroyed eight and damaged a further five enemy aircraft in one day, he himself examining a hostile fighter after his ammunition was expended.

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SQUEEZE RACKET IN FULL SWING OUTSIDE H.K.'S IMMIGRATION OFFICE

THE METHODS TO WHICH THE UNSCRUPULOUS WILL RESORT TO MAKE AN EASY DOLLAR OR TWO IN THIS COLONY ARE PROBABLY THE MOST UNIQUE IN THE WORLD—never is an opportunity to turn a situation to an illegal advantage lost and thus has the squeeze racket become one of the most thriving industries in Hongkong.

What seems to make it possible for this racket to continue is the lack of efficient control and supervision, as is apparent in the arrangements which have been made to deal with the crowds which have been thronging round the Immigration Office since it was opened.

To the wily mind—after a day's survey of the situation—there was a glorious opportunity for easy money.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE

A member of the staff of the Hongkong Daily Press exposes one of the squeeze methods, after careful observation, as follows: "Shortly before the Immigration Office closed yesterday, I was given an opportunity to watch a clever racket which has been going on for a week."

"A brief pen-picture of the scene is necessary in order to make the working of the scheme apparent. Here it is—"

"The grill at the entrance to the office is partly closed—two Indian policemen stand outside it. On both sides of the steps are queues, two abreast—one of men, extending up to Tsang Fook's office and the other of women extending almost up to the line on the right of Marina House."

"The men and women are expected to pass in, two at a time as soon as four others, who have entered, make their exit."

SIGNALS MADE

"I was attracted by a young Chinese woman in the middle of the women's queue waving to a young Chinese in foreign clothes who was standing just outside the pavement."

"He nodded at the woman who broke off from the queue and engaged him in conversation. A sum of money changed hands. The young man turned to a Chinese policeman just behind him and said something."

"The Chinese P.C. nodded and signalled to the two Indian policemen at the grill—the signal was acknowledged."

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HINSLEY CONDEMNS SLAUGHTER

Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster, has condemned what he described as "this indiscriminate slaughter of non-combatants in the war."

"He said, 'Nothing better can be expected of young men trained in the school of totalitarian paganism. We find it hard to believe that the Italian people have lent themselves freely to the cruel violence which the Italians have launched on the Greeks.'"

London message.

Striking Power Of The Royal Air Force

HITLER FEARS MEETING VIOLENT END

The striking power of the Royal Air Force is not only causing terror to German troops in France, but to Herr Hitler himself, states a London message.

A revelation by a French correspondent suggests that Hitler is living in terror of meeting with a violent death.

When he comes to France, which he does more frequently than is known, he goes in an armoured train and hundreds of his bodyguards go two days ahead to look for would-be assassins.

Herr Hitler does not trust the French at all, says this correspondent. His agents have to find the most formidable tunnel, the armoured trains, which are a symbol of the two dictators' terror, are shunted into it and there, in the twilight of the gods, Hitler goes to sleep.

TWO REASONS

The correspondent gives two reasons for this. The first is the effectiveness of the Royal Air Force and that the air raid shelters of French provincial hotels are not safe and the second is that Herr Hitler fears, with some justification, that the French people may play tricks during the black-out.

Other German leaders are following Herr Hitler's example and there is no knowing now who one may meet these days in the French railway tunnels.

Another story is given by this correspondent of what happened when Herr Hitler went to the Franco-Spanish border to meet General Franco. All British subjects on the border regions were asked to report to the German police station at six o'clock in the morning.

OLD WOMEN

Three old women of 70 or the 100 British subjects there, did not turn up. They got mixed up in the times. The Germans promptly sent a contingent of French gendarmes to their house and put them in a temporary concentration camp until the beloved Fuehrer had passed, so that the old ladies could not Lynch Hitler and a good time was had by all.

Another message from London states that in the meantime the Germans are carrying out further expeditions for French men, women and children from their homes in Lorraine and have extended this order to Alsace.

The first expulsions from Lorraine were ordered after the Vichy Government had rejected M. Laval's plans for collaboration with Germany. M. Laval is reported to be going to Berlin shortly to confer with Herr von Ribbentrop.

IL DUCE DARE NOT GO BACK: WOULD MEAN RUIN TO FASCIST REGIME

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter)—Il Duce has pledged himself before the world to put out all his strength against Greece, writes the DAILY TELEGRAPH.

He dare not go back for that would be ruin to the Fascist regime and his own downfall.

He may call his master, Hitler, to come down to the Balkans and help him but the price would be the abandonment of all Fascist dreams of mare nostrum and the enslavement of Italy to her secular enemy, the German. Mussolini would be defeated to the scale of a quailing.

If he prefers the less ignominious choice of attempting another offensive, with his own resources, he will have to attack sub-conditions far less favourable than those in which his blitzkrieg failed.

The season of good weather is gone and he has lost all advantage of surprise. Albania's strong mountain frontier has fallen to the Greeks and the Duce's armies would have to fight their way from the plain over mountains pasted from mountains down into the plain.

His own leadership and higher command of Italy's Army are hopelessly discredited. The Army and nation know themselves deceived and sacrificed and a new adventure must be framed in face of the demoralisation wrought by the gallant resistance of a brave and small people.

SALE OF SHIPS TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (Reuter)—The Maritime Commission has authorised the Black Diamond Steamship Company to sell four cargo ships to Britain.

KEEPING BULGARIA OUT OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter)—The need for keeping Bulgaria out of war was emphasised in the Bulgarian Parliament by the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, according to a Sofia dispatch published in Italy.

M. Popoff referred to the friendly relations with Rumania, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Turkey and said that recent conversations between Herr Hitler and King Boris proved the growing importance of Bulgaria and emphasised the friendly relations between Germany and Bulgaria.

Today's War Summary

GENERAL DE GAULLE, LEADER OF THE FREE FRENCH, stated yesterday that he believed that 1941 will see the air superiority of the Allies established. He did not think the Germans would wait for that but would probably "carry the war" into the Mediterranean.

COMMENTING ON ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, said that there was no reason for war but he could not guarantee peace. It was his task to prepare his command for the possibility of war reaching the shores of Malaya.

ON TUESDAY NIGHT ENEMY RAIDERS ATTACKED London and the Midlands, mainly the Birmingham area. No large fires were reported in the London area nor were any important objectives damaged.

A NIGHTMARE SCENE IN A BLAZING BOMBER over Cologne is described in the latest R.A.F. awards including the D.S.O. to PILOT-OFFICER GEOFFREY CHESHIRE and D.F.M. to SERGT. HENRY DAVIDSON, respectively captain and wireless operator of the aircraft.

THE JAPANESE HAVE THROUGH THE INTERVENTION of the Consular Body, relaxed somewhat the restrictions in the blockaded western area in Shanghai.

Brooke-Popham Will Do Utmost To Prevent War From Reaching Malaya

SINGAPORE, Dec. 4 (Reuter)—Interviewed by the Japanese-owned SINGAPORE HERALD, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, said that though it was his task to prepare his command for the possibility of war reaching the shores of Malaya, "I will do my utmost to prevent it."

Asked to comment on Anglo-Japanese relations, Sir Robert said: "There is no reason whatever for war, but I cannot guarantee peace," adding that while there is no reason for panic what happened in Europe can happen in Asia.

Questioned regarding Malaya's preparedness to resist invasion, the Commander-in-Chief was of the opinion that Malaya could make things "very uncomfortable" for the invader, adding that the country was in a "much better position to repel attack than many people try to make out."

In the World of Sports

CANUCKETTES NOSE OUT WAHOOS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP IN LADIES' LEAGUE

Liga Upsets Recreio Bees In Second Division

BY R.O.Y.

PROVIDING THE MOST EXCITING TUSSELE ON THE DAY'S CARD, the Canuckettes nosed out the Wahoos, by 7 tallies to 6, last Sunday, to edge into the leadership of the Ladies' League, half-a-game in front of the Wildcats who were not engaged. The Hong-kong Baseballers gained a similar margin over St. Joseph's in the Men's standings when they trounced the Indian Softballers by the wide margin of 18 markers to 4, in a disappointing match on the same afternoon.

In the Second Division, the Recife Bees and South China lost unexpectedly to Liga Portuguesa and the Royal Air Force respectively to leave Chung Hwa, who beat the Central Britishers by 21-7, the only undefeated squad in this section.

Starting off the programme, the Cardinals walked all over the Chung Hwa lassies to garner 37 runs while allowing the losers to chalk up 11 counters after easing off during the latter part of the game.

Elegia Babida had a field day, striking out seven Chung Hwa girls in five frames and connecting for a homer and a double on attack. The Chung Hwa squad committed the record number of 21 fielding bobbles that helped to widen their losing margin.

RAMBLERETTES BEATEN

The Ramblerettes put up quite a good showing against the Baby Panthers, in going down 12-17, the difference of five markers being much less than expected. Hilda Soares and Norma Silva clouted round-trippers for the Panther Kittens, but their most consistent hitter was Theresa Marques who was good for 3-in-4, including a two-bagger.

The Canuckette-Wahoos battle kept fans at fever heat for the whole of the game. The Green Owls opened the scoring with one tally in the first frame only for the Canadians to come back with

a three run rally. The Wahoos reduced the lead with another marker in the third and went into the lead with two more in the first of the fifth, the Canuckettes having been blanked in the second, third and fourth.

With two tallies in their half of the same frame, the Canuckettes regained the lead only to lose it once more as the Wahoos scored twice in the sixth. The winners replied with two in their half, putting them one run in front as the Wahoos came up for their last bats.

POOR BASE-RUNNING

Liza Anderson clouted a double to left and advanced to third when Yvonne Yolle grounded out Mary Louie to Rene Yuen. With but one away and the tying run on third, Liza Castro popped to hurler Mary Louie who tossed to Alice Mar who erased Liza Anderson who had been foolish enough to take a long lead.

Other instances of poor base-running were when Yvonne Yolle after belting a rousing triple in the third, was waved home only to be nailed at the plate and when Joy Wong homered, or should have, in the sixth only to be called out, for not touching the pan as Jackie Anderson went through the formality of putting the ball on her.

SORRY DISPLAY

In direct contrast to the display of their Ladies' squad, the Canadian Chinese lads put up a sorry showing against the Filipino boys to go down by 8 runs to 13 to be left in sole occupancy of the cellar berth in the league table.

Despite the services of a new hind-satcher, Herbie Quon failed to show any recovery of control and issued a number of costly passes.

Both teams connected for 9 hits apiece, Quon and Dave Amper hitting for the circuit, but the winners' efforts came with runners on the sacks. E. Rocha's triple in the first frame being particularly damaging as three runs crossed the pan on this one clout. Ross Mark paced the Canuck attack with 3-in-4, while Dave Bautista had the same figures for the winners.

Flashy fielding by the Club aggregation kept the losers' score down to a minimum although A. K. Omar showed fight when he belted a homer late in the game. Turning out short-handed, the Chinese Baseballers outthit the Cyclones 14-10 but went down by a 12-8 decision because of poor defensive work.

Old-timer Tommy Chan was debited with several miscues as he failed to find the bag on obviously easy put-outs at the initial station, wasting assists by Abe Lau who was pressed into service and had quite a busy day at the kitchen sink.

No Lum took batting honors by striking four hits for a 300 average although George White's 750 in four times at bat pressed closely behind. Sherry Bug with 3-in-5 was the best hitter for the Cyclones for whom the Markers Senior and Junior each homered once.

HONGKONG SURPRISES

In the Hong League, Wayford upset Leach to register a 17-12 win while the Sheffield Oilers 9-3 triumph

ANNUAL SOCIETY BOWLS MATCH SATURDAY

The annual inter-Society lawn bowls match between the St. George's and St. Andrew's will be played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The following rinks have been selected:—
St. George's: V. C. Labrum, P. S. Cassidy, S. H. Dodwell, L. C. F. Bellamy, W. A. Cornell, B. D. Evans, J. Watson, J. Deakin, G. Thompson, B. V. Seale, D. W. Waterton, G. H. Sherriff, R. P. Phillips, H. G. Wallington, J. C. Gill, A. J. Hall, S. Eccleshall, T. Coleman, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakusen, A. C. Tribble, F. Flippance, J. G. Meyer, F. Goodwin. Reserves: W. Ward, R. R. Wood, R. S. Meadows.

St. Andrew's: W. Walker, Sir Atholl MacGregor, W. MacFarlane, B. Wylie, W. McLeod, A. Hyde-Lay, J. Orem, J. C. Chalmers, W. Houston, H. G. Cooper, D. Munro, R. Duncan, W. Melrose, W. B. Harris, J. Fraser, J. C. S. Fender, A. MacFarlane, R. M. Keown, J. Kempton, A. M. Holland, W. S. Dall, R. Main, R. G. Craig, J. McKelvie. Reserves: J. S. Dinnen, J. J. Whyte, J. Russell, G. S. Alexander, S. J. Pollock. Reserves are requested to attend. A game is assured.

FRIENDLY BOWLS GAME

A friendly bowls game between Bowlers and Cricketers of the Civil Service Cricket Club has been arranged for Sunday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m.

The Bowlers will be represented by the following:—J. Gellatly, A. B. Allan, J. W. Deakin, M. N. Rakusen (skip), E. Kilmom, M. Scott, J. M. Purvis, J. Hollidge (skip), J. R. Carr, W. G. Gardner, V. S. Ebbage, S. Eccleshall (skip).

"Y" BEAT R.A.F. AT BILLIARDS

The following were the results of a friendly Billiards match played last night between the R.A.F. and the European Y.M.C.A. at the Y.M.C.A.

R.A.F.—W. O. Williams 100, Cpl. Edwards 51, Pte. Alkman 49, Cpl. Smith 63, L. A. C. Naylor 43.
Y.M.C.A.—W. Kemp 99, S. Teran 100, F. Sykes 100, C. F. Champelevier 100, E. De Cosler 100.

over Cables was also in the nature of a surprise.

LADIES' LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canuckettes	5	0	1.000
Wildcats	4	0	1.000
Wahoos	4	2	.667
Baby Panthers	4	2	.667
Cardinals	2	3	.400
Ramblerettes	2	4	.333
Chung Hwa	0	5	.000
Little Flower Club	0	5	.000

FIRST DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
H.K. Baseballers	5	1	.833
St. Joseph's	4	1	.800
Cyclones	4	2	.667
Chinese B.C.	2	2	.500
Recreio Aces	2	2	.500
Indian B.C.	2	3	.400
Filipino Club	1	4	.200
Canucks	0	5	.000

SECOND DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	3	0	1.000
Recreio Bees	4	1	.800
Cosmopolitan	3	1	.750
Royal Air Force	3	1	.750
Liga Portuguesa	2	2	.500
South China	1	1	.500
Victoria R.C.	1	1	.500
Central British	1	3	.250
Royal Engineers	0	3	.000
Sh. R.A.	0	5	.000

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CONTINUATION OF RACING URGED

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Pointing out that hundreds of thousands of pounds of British racing thoroughbred stock had been exported to North and South America, India, Australia and elsewhere, Lord Rosebery, speaking at the Annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket, urged the importance of continuing racing in wartime.

He said that export trade was always of the greatest value to breeders, and Government's policy was to continue the export trade. Lord Rosebery urged breeders to continue as long as possible, and deprecated the selling of well bred yearlings for five or ten guineas for the purpose of being slaughtered to feed greyhounds, which are still allowed to race on the track.

BLOODSTOCK SOLD

NEWMARKET, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—One of the greatest sales of thoroughbred bloodstock ever held took place yesterday when the late Sir Abe Bailey's entire stock and stud, numbering 84 lots, were sold by order of the executors and realised 42,677 guineas.

The highest price paid, 5,200 guineas, was for the nine-year-old stallion *Alberus* which was purchased by Lord Glenelg.

TRUE BLUE WINS SWEEPSTAKE RACE

True Blue (Lieut. K. A. Watson) won the Sweepstake Race of the Royal H.K. Yacht Club sailed yesterday.

Detailed results follow:—
Finished Corr. Pos.
True Blue, All 16.51.10 16.51.10 1
(Lt. K. A. Watson).

Artemis, All 16.51.36 16.51.36 2
(Mr. H. W. Browne).

Jean, All 16.53.20 16.53.20 3
(M. S. Banner).

Guri, All 16.53.30 16.53.30 4
(Miss E. M. Richards).

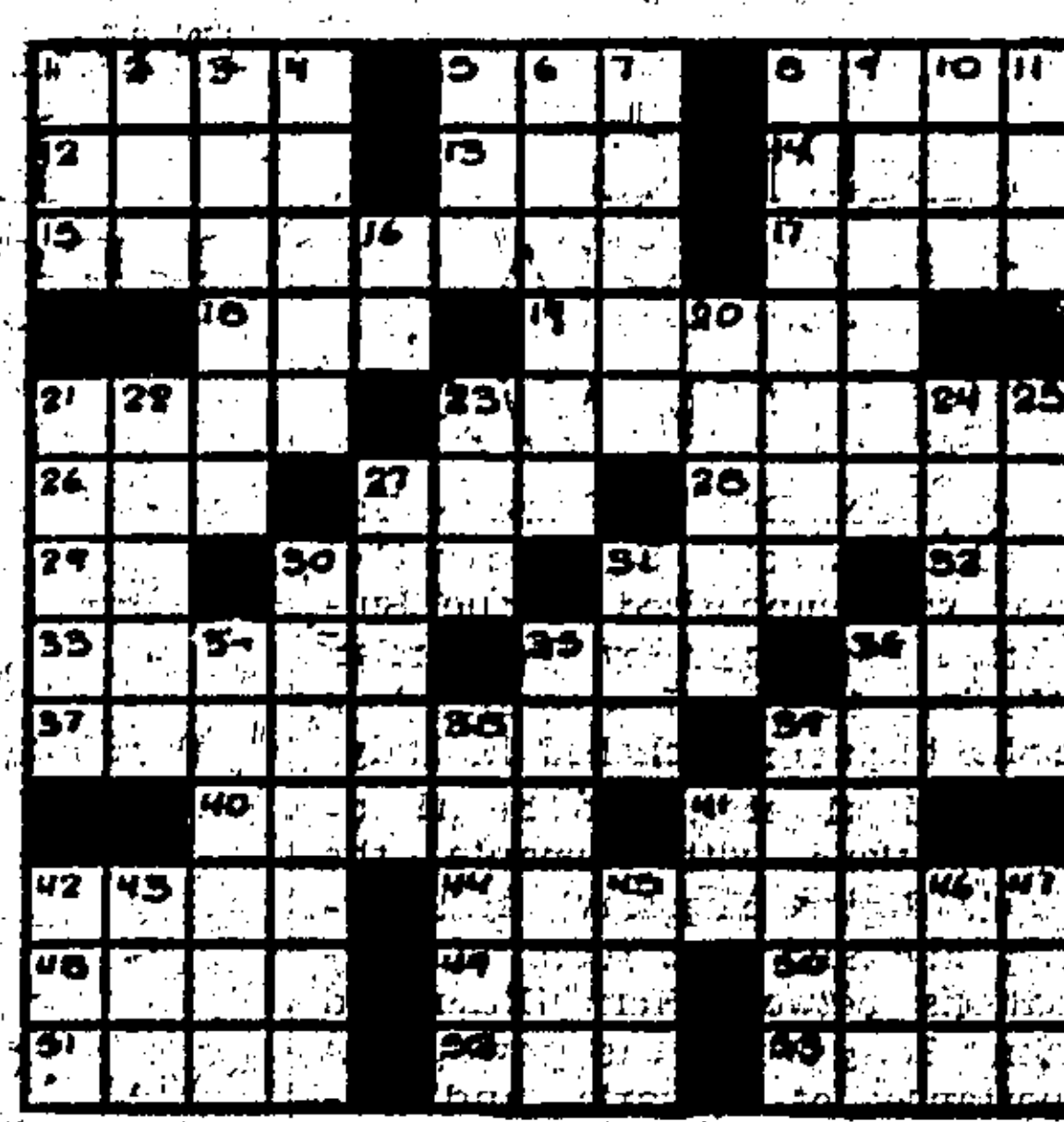
Wedgdon, All 16.53.31 16.53.31 5
(Major J. H. Brown).

CROSSWORD

NO. 774

ACROSS

- Swelling
- Beast of burden
- Encounter
- Wild goal
- Except
- Within
- Able to read and write
- Snatch
- Epoch
- Chemical
- Enzyme
- Habit
- Book
- containing
- Daily prayers
- Skill
- Tiny
- Spanish villa
- Symbol for sodium
- Retiring
- Bastes
- Symbol for bromine
- To raise the spirits of
- Unit of length
- Press for payment
- French
- Fruits
- enclosed in a woody shell
- Actor
- In favor of
- Injure
- Airy
- Melody
- Vegetable
- Small island
- Memorandum
- poiches
- Attempt
- At sea



DOWN

- Nothing
- Japanese
- Checking device
- Put forth effort
- Sleeveless
- Arabian garment
- Sew together
- Metric
- measures
- Projectile
- Group
- containing nine objects
- water-wheel
- Greek alphabet
- Summit
- Sub era
- Prude
- Dishwasher
- Shirt cape
- Turkish
- governor
- Refute
- Long
- extravagant stories
- At what place
- Mark of infamy
- Incense
- pronoun
- King who sacked Rome
- Murmur
- Compulsion
- Unsuitable
- Levantine
- Symbol for iron
- Possesses
- Constellation
- Dried grapes
- Sovereign
- Grass plain

SOLUTION TOMORROW

PROGRAMME FOR KWANTI RACE MEETING

The following is the programme for the December Meeting of the Fanning Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Dec. 28:—

Race 1.—The Talpo Hurdle Race: 14 miles for China ponies. Weight 160 lbs. Winners of a steeplechase and/or hurdle race last season, 5 lb. penalty. Winner \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50. Entry Fee \$5.

Race 2.—The Happy Valley Handicap (2nd Section): A flat race of 1 mile for China ponies classified at date of entry as "E" class. Jockey allowance of 5 lbs. Winner \$250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100. Entry Fee \$5.

NOTE: One entry only will be made for the Happy Valley Handicap (Races 2 and 6). Entries will be divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper.

Race 3.—The New South Wales Handicap: A steeplechase of 11 miles for Australian ponies. Winner \$150, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50. Entry Fee \$5.

Race 4.—The Fanning Cup: A handicap flat race of 7 furlongs for Australian ponies classified at date of entry as "D" class. Jockey allowance of 5 lbs. Winner \$250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100. Entry Fee \$5.

Race 5.—The Castle Peak Handicap: A flat race of 7 furlongs for China ponies classified at date of entry as "D" class. Jockey allowance of 5 lbs. Winner \$250, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100. Entry Fee \$5.

Race 6.—The Happy Valley Handicap (1st Section). (See Race 2).

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

ATHLETICS—Entries close for Annual South China Athletic Association Meeting.

RACING—Entries close for Hong-kong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Extra Race meeting, 12 noon.

TOMORROW

BILLIARDS—Garrison League, Signals v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A.

Fortress Coy. R.E. v. Pav Corps.

Ordnance Corps v. Military Police; Royal Scots v. Service Corps.

Petrel, A17 15.54.42 16.54.42 6
(Mr. G. W. Behrman).

Painted Lady—D.N.F.

TWO H.K.S.R.A. TEAMS TO CONTEST FINAL OF K.O.Y.L.I. POLO CUP

Middlesex Defeated: Fixed Defences Also Lose

Two teams from the Hong-kong-Singapore Regiment, Royal Artillery, will contest the final round of the polo tournament for the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Cup at the Hongkong Polo Club ground, Boundary Street, on Saturday.

The knock-out round was played at Boundary Street yesterday when the H.K.S.R.A. "B" team beat the FIXED DEFENCES by five goals to three and the H.K.S.R.A. "A" team beat the MIDDLESEX REGIMENT 11-6.

The first game was a rather close one and the Fixed Defences had poor luck in just failing to score off several openings. A stronger team on paper, the losers were a little slow in getting started and suffered badly as a consequence, especially in the first chukker when the H.K.S.R.A. team notched up two goals in quick succession, through Monro and Duncan.

The second chukker was more even with Monro scoring a third goal for H.K.S.R.A. and Col. Way one for the Fixed Defences. The third chukker opened with Forrester scoring for Fixed Defences after the ball had been brought up by Col. Way and Major Hunt.

The Fixed Defences' rally was short-lived, however, and Atkinson and Duncan put the H.K.S.R.A. further ahead. Col. Way scored the only goal of the concluding chukker.

Forrester and Major Hunt were the game's outstanding players but the H.K.S.R.A. appeared to be a better knit-together team.

MSEX OUTCLASSED
In the second game, Middlesex Regt. were no match for H.K.S.R.A. "A" and were up against a stronger team, player for player. Led by

Major Wilson, who was in great scoring form and tallied six of the 11 goals, the winners led 3-0, 6-0, and 10-0 through the first three chukkers.

Smith scored four of the other goals and Fielden one. The game was one-sided in the extreme.

THE TEAMS
The teams were:—

H.K.S.R.A. "B": Capt. H. Duncan (No. 4); Major C. Fisher (No. 3); Capt. J. Monro (No. 2) and Capt. A. Atkinson (No. 1).

FIXED DEFENCES: Major W. Morgan (No. 4); Major E. Hunt (No. 3); Capt. B. Forrester (No. 2) and Col. J. D. Way (No. 1).

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT: Lt. F. Hancock (No. 4); Capt. T. Chattey (No. 3); Capt. W. Chattey (No. 2) and Capt. R. Guest (No. 1).

H.K.S.R.A. "A": Lt. L. Fielden (No. 4); Major R. Penfold (No. 3); Major W. Wilson (No. 2) and Lt. B. R. Smith (No. 1).

FINAL ROUND
The final on Saturday will be preceded by a "Subsidiary Cup" game between Fixed Defences and the Middlesex Regiment, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The match for the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup will commence at 4.30.

ARMY RUGBY XV

The following have been selected to represent the Army v. Police in the Quadrangular Tournament at Sookunpoo on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.:

A. N. Other, Sgt. Richards, Capt. Douglas; Lt. Coombes, Pte. McDonald, Capt. Hook, 2/Lt. Wedderburn, Cpl. Sutherland, 2/Lt. Ford, 2/Lt. Bompas, 2/Lt. Heath, Capt. Duke, Cpl. Gillam, 2/Lt. Millar, 2/Lt. Pinkerton.

Reserves: 2/Lt. Clague, Capt. Skipwith, Pte. Berry, L/c. Foley.

MATCH CALLED OFF

The rugby match arranged between Club "A" and Army "A", and scheduled to be played at the Valley yesterday, was called off due to the non-arrival of the Military team.

CRAIGENCOWER XI TO MEET NAVY

The following have been selected to represent the C.C.C. in a friendly cricket match against the Navy on Saturday at 2 p.m., on the home ground:—E. Zimmerman (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Exmail, M. C. Hung, B. R. Iranee, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, O. M. Omar, W. Hong Sing, S. R. Solina, G. Souza.

Reserves: 2/Lt. Clague, Capt. Skipwith, Pte. Berry, L/c. Foley.

ROYAL SCOTS WIN AT CRICKET

The 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots beat the 5th A.A. Battery by 123 runs in a friendly cricket match played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

Royal Scots: 177 for 6 wickets, dec. (Capt. Ford 45, Capt. Duke 40, Capt. Paterson 58, not out); 5th A.A. Battery: 54 (Lieut. Fergus 3 for 12, Pte. Emmerson 3 for 7).

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| 1 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky. | 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Brandy. |
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| 1 Qt. Martell's Cordon Elen Brandy. | 1 Qt. Eau's Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky. | 1 Philal Augustura Bitters. |

No. 3 HAMPER—\$60.00.

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| 1 Pt. G.F. Peppermint. | 1 Qt. Eau's Sherry. |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 2 Qts. Tarragon Brandy. | 2 Qts. Medoc Claret. |
| 2 Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky. | 1 Philal Augustura Bitters. |

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GREEKS SMASHING WAY INTO ALBANIA DESPITE HEAVY SNOWSTORMS

Fall Of Santi Quaranta Believed Imminent

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Greek Army is continuing to advance despite the snow and ice which is not holding it up any more than the Italians have been able to. While snowstorms may impede the Greek advance they also make it difficult for the Italians to launch their promised counter-attack and assume a dangerous offensive.

While the Greek threat to the Ionian port of Santi Quaranta has been increasing in the past 24 hours, and the Italians in the Argirocastro sector of the front are reported to be retreating even more quickly than they did at Koritsa, British bomber planes have been harassing the enemy in the rear.

Valona, a port to which the Italians are retreating from the Argirocastro sector would naturally withdraw, was yesterday heavily bombed by the R.A.F. and in spite of bad weather and intense Italian fighter patrols the attack was pressed home.

A fire was started in a large building near the harbour and was followed by a series of loud explosions.

A stick of bombs fell on the main jetty and a ship received a direct hit. One Italian fighter was shot down.

In the Argirocastro sector, a British fighter shot down an Italian reconnaissance plane.

PILOT'S STORY

On the return from the Valona raid, the leader of the R.A.F. formation said: "It was one of our best raids. We had to come rather low because of the clouds and fighters were waiting for us, but while they chased one flight of our bombers another went in and dropped its bombs."

"We saw a big blaze among the warehouses with a tall column of black smoke above. It looked as if we had hit something of vital importance. Practically all our bombs registered direct hits. We all got back O.K."

POGRADETZ RETREAT

After making a stand north of Pogradetz on the shores of Lake Ochrida the Italians are again retreating, writes Reuter's Special

correspondent on the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier.

Some of them are retreating towards M. Bassan, 40 miles north-west of Pogradetz, on the road to Tirana, while others are skirting Lake Ochrida to the east.

Between the villages south-west of Pogradetz the vigorous Italian attack has been smashed with considerable loss in men and material.

Heavy snowfall, which is now more than six feet deep, on Mount Kamia is holding up the Greek pursuit, but strenuous efforts are being made to overcome the difficulties of supply.

COUNTER-ATTACK SMASHED

MONASTER (Yugoslavia), Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Italian army is again retreating after making a stand north of Pogradetz on the shores of Lake Ochrida.

Further west the vigorous Italian counter-attack was smashed with great loss.

FALL IMMINENT

ATHENS, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini is likely to shortly lose his base at Santi Quaranta following the Greek advance northward and eastward. The Greeks are smashing their way farther into Albania despite snowstorms and snowdrifts.

The Greeks at the Central front, have captured the 7,000 feet high Peak Politzani where the Italians have been fortified. The Italians have also retired from villages in the heights to the north-east of Premeti.

HALF FINISHED MEALS

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Greeks are following up their successes in the Pogradetz sector.

Despite the deep snow they are hard on the heels of the Italians whose camps are often found abandoned with half finished meals on the tables.

Italian prisoners report sickness among their ranks in addition to the cold and misery caused by the snow to which many are unaccustomed.

The retreating army leaves the roads mined but the Greeks are equally at home on mountain paths skirting the danger.

The Italian dead now total a considerable figure requiring special Greek squads to bury them.

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Egyptian Government is compensating the victims of Fascist bombing raids from Italian funds held in Egypt.

NAPLES OIL REFINERIES DEVASTATED

CAIRO, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Well-placed sticks of bombs straddled the oil refineries and started a large fire, visible 20 miles away, the R.A.F. raided Naples on Monday night.

The R.A.F. communique issued here adds that a near miss was registered on the railway, resulting in hits on the main line. Other explosions and fires were seen.

Augusta, in Sicily, was also successfully attacked and large flashes and loud explosions followed the dropping of bombs.

All the British aircraft returned safely.

NAZI REMINDER TO RUMANIA

VIENNA AWARD TO BE UPHELD

BASEL, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Germany has given Rumania a sharp reminder of the Vienna Award under which Rumania was forced to cede part of Transylvania to Hungary, writes the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten.

The reminder was prompted by the speeches of Premier Antonescu and Vice Premier, Sima on Sunday, bitterly resenting the decision.

Wilhelmstrasse officials brand the speeches as revisionist and declare that Germany will hold fast to the Vienna Award. The speeches caused great surprise in Hungary where they were interpreted as meaning that Rumania was rebelling against the award and also against the tripartite pact to which she had adhered ten days previously.

Hungary is working hard to bring about a rapprochement with Yugoslavia which would incline that country nearer to the Axis.

Spanish Rail Disaster

55 KILLED; OVER 80 INJURED

MADRID, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Fifty-five were killed and over 80 injured in the collision between the express train from Madrid and another from Barcelona.

The accident occurred near the isolated station at Velilla where the lines crossed.

Rescue work was made difficult by the isolated district and bitter cold. Some of the people injured died of exposure.

Rescue trains have taken the injured to Saragossa.

The cause of the accident is still unknown.

WEST ENGLAND TOWN BOMBED

Civilian Property Severely Damaged

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The attack on a town in West England last night was fairly heavy and a number of fires were started. Considerable damage was done to residences and public and commercial buildings. There were some casualties but the number is not large.

Bombs were also dropped in East Anglia and South Wales but damage and casualties were small. London last night was entirely free from raiders for the second time since the air war was intensified.

GEN. CHEN LIEH PASSES

HONGKONG, Dec. 4 (Central).—Lieut. Gen. Chen Lieh, a representative of the various public organizations in Hongkong to the late Gen. Chen Lieh, army commander and a native of Hunan, who died of prolonged illness at his residence in southern Kwangtung last month, when the vessel containing his remains passed through here yesterday morning en route to Chungking. The late General Chen is to be buried at the foot of the Nanpan mountain in pursuance of his will.

Medico Wins Gallantry Medal

FOURTH AWARD OF GEORGE CROSS

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Another George Cross—the civilian equivalent of the Victoria Cross—has been awarded to a bomb disposer. The hero is Dr. Arthur Douglas Merriman, of the Directorate of Scientific Research, of the Ministry of Supply.

An ex-schoolmaster, Dr. Merriman is in the early forties, and is married. At great personal risk he dismantled five unexploded bombs which fell in a famous London Street and on an important building.

This is the fourth King George Cross award, two of the first three going to St. Paul's bomb men who removed the time bomb from under St. Paul's Cathedral.

Nine King George Medals were awarded to firemen and other civilian defence workers who fought fires at docks, oil tanks, and factories, and to gasworkers who climbed a gasometer, down which a delayed action bomb had fallen.

UNPRECEDENTED PASS IN THE COMMONS

Debate On King's Speech Finds No Opposition

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The House of Commons reached an unprecedented pass of having practically no official opposition. This fact emerges in connexion with the debate on the Speech from the Throne which is normally conducted on a basis of a critical amendment lodged by the Opposition.

This time only a section, claiming to be the Opposition, is the Independent Labour trio, consisting of Mr. Maxton, Mr. McGovern and Mr. Stephen, who, among other things, calls for a statement of such peace aims as could end the war.

As the amendment is so widely deprecated by the other Parties, it is not likely that Mr. Winston Churchill will trouble to participate in the debate and only a Government statement, for reasons of courtesy, will be made by Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal.

NEW JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS

No Travelling Allowed Without Permits

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Japanese authorities yesterday announced changes of the regulations for travelling, landing goods and removing permits.

Third Power nationals wishing to travel the Yangtze River must apply personally, have the form photostated by the Consulate and the applicant will be advised through the Consulate of accommodation. Applications for travel in other Japanese occupied territory must be made at the Liaison office of the Japanese Military headquarters five days before departure. Applications for landing permits to seaports under Japanese occupation will be accepted at the Japanese Consulate-General passport office and permits will be handed out at the Japanese Naval Attache's office five days later.

Goods and removal permits are obtainable now only through the Liaison office of the Japanese military headquarters.

Italian Fort In East Africa Bombed By R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Fort Adi Ugri, in Italian East Africa, was raided by the R.A.F. on Monday and considerable damage done to motor transport and Italian personnel. Zula was also attacked.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out over enemy territory on all the fronts and valuable information obtained. From all these operations, states an Air Ministry communique, the British aircraft returned to their bases without loss.

MISTAKEN FOR ITALIANS

R.A.F. Bomber Crew Threatened, Cheered

ATHENS, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—In gild, English, English met the crew of a R.A.F. bomber when they were confronted by a thousand angry Greek peasants after a forced landing on a tiny island.

One peasant was brandishing a gun and the attitude of the crowd was distinctly menacing when one peasant stepped forward and in a marked American accent demanded: "Are you guys really English?"

Finally persuaded that the men were British, the peas gave them an ovation and all in their power to assist.

The R.A.F. crew in question had been reported as "missing, regarded as killed."

Their squadron had raided an Albanian port where a big ship was hit and another bomb damaged a dock.

Alleged Bombing Of Marseilles

MADRID, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The British Government's reply to the French protest against the alleged bombing of Marseilles, is reported to have been handed by Sir Samuel Hoare, British Envoy here, to the French Ambassador.

Telephonic communication between Spain and the Argentine and Peru, which had been suspended since the Civil War, has been restored.



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Britain And Puppet Govt. Of Nanking

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Two interesting questions bearing upon Anglo-American co-operation in the Far East, appear in the House of Commons paper for an early answer.

The Conservative, Mr. Robert Morgan, will suggest a joint Anglo-American declaration in opposition to the so-called new order which "Japan is trying to introduce not only in China but in the whole of the Pacific."

Sir Robert Gower will ask whether, with the object of identifying British aims and objects in the Far East with those officially stated by America, the Government will restate British policy regarding the puppet government of Nanking.



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ALARMING INCREASE IN PRICE OF RICE: RIOT FEARS EXPRESSED

GOVERNMENT ACTION PROMISED

"Personally, I can see no reason whatsoever for the steady and I might add, alarming increases in the price of rice during the last three days," said Mr. P. Gockehin, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, during the course of an interview with a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday.

"I think we can safely put it down to the opportunism of the rice dealers who see in the present situation in Indo-China and Thailand a golden opportunity to push up their prices."

Asked if he saw any possibility of prices coming down in the near future—say, within the course of this week—Mr. Gockehin said that unless the Indo-China-Thailand situation eases, or unless the Government take steps, prices will continue to rise.

PRICE CONTROL URGED
"Why the Controller of Food did not take steps I fail to understand," went on Mr. Gockehin, "particularly when Government claimed that there is enough stock of rice in Hongkong to last for six months. Surely the Government can so control prices as to alleviate the situation without discouraging further imports of this cereal?"

Asked what he, as Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, thought the Government should do in this matter, Mr. Gockehin replied, "The Controller of Food should immediately obtain returns from all the importers as to their stocks, accompanied by the covering invoices, as he is doing in the case of tinne provisions together with a declaration as to whether further stocks are en route. The Controller should then fix the retail price."

FAIR PROFIT
Questioned as to what would constitute a fair margin of profit, Mr. Gockehin said that it should not exceed six per cent. as the usual profit on this commodity is exceedingly small.

The owner of one of the larger (rice) retail shops, when interviewed, said, "We cannot help it. We have to follow the prices quoted by the importers in Nam Pak Hong."

GOVT. ACTION SOON
Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skippon, Controller of Food, stated that Government have under consideration a scheme for fixing the retail prices "which will be fair to all parties concerned."

"This scheme," added Mr. Kennedy-Skippon, "will be put into operation as soon as final details have been completed."

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. H. HARTEAM

The funeral of Mrs. M. H. HarTEAM, widow of the late Mr. M. H. HarTEAM, of the National City Bank, took place at the Moham medan Cemetery yesterday evening when many relatives and friends gathered at the graveside to pay their last respects.

The religious service, at the Mosque and at the graveside, was led by Mulvi Mohamed Noor Shah.

The deceased passed away at her residence, No. 123 Hennessy Road, yesterday morning after a long illness.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Leung Yee-cheung, Mrs. Ho Woon-man (daughters), Messrs. S. H. and M. L. Wong (brothers) and Mrs. S. Y. Lee (sister).

Among those who attended were Messrs. A. A. H. A. R. and A. B. HarTEAM (nephews), Miss R. HarTEAM (niece), Messrs. Y. J. Khan, A. K. Minu, A. H. Hussain, K. M. R. M. and O. M. Omar, S. M. Rum-jahn, M. A. Wahab, T. Ali, S. A. R. Bux, B. A. Hyder, Alghida and many others.

Many wreaths were sent.

LOCAL ESTATES

Probate of the will of the late Mr. So Chung Shun, alias So Shek Chung, alias So Ying, building contractor, late of 123 Pak Tai Street, Kowloon, who died on June 29 leaving estate valued under \$17,000 has been granted to Liu Oi-ai Ngai, secondary wife.

Probate of the will of Xu Wal, otherwise Xee (or Bee) Wee, student, late of 303 Sai Yung Street, who died on Oct. 2 in a motor-car whilst on his way to hospital has been granted to his widow, Li Ngan Hing, alias Xu Li Shi.

The estate was sworn at under \$4,300.

POPULAR PORTUGUESE WEDDING

PRETTY CEREMONY AT ST. TERESA'S

A pretty wedding took place at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon Tong, yesterday morning when Mr. Alfonso Barretto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ottavio Barretto, was married to Miss Gloria D'Almada e Castro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro, of 234 Prince Edward Road.

Rev. Fr. Granelli officiated at the ceremony. The Hon Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jnr., was best-man.

The bride looked charming in a French crepe gown, cut on Princess lines, with a pin-tuck bodice and short puff sleeves. She wore long lace gloves and a short veil. Instead of the usual orange blossoms, her tiara was of artificial tuber roses.

The bridesmaid was Miss Elsa Silva, who looked pretty in a pale blue tulle gown, cut on Victoria lines, and finished off with baby-lace. Master A. Basto was page boy and looked smart in a white satin shirt and black velvet trousers.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. The honeymoon is to be spent at Fan-ling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming wedding are announced:—

Mr. Lo Kwok Hing, clerk, residing at 180 Nathan Road, and Miss Au Pui Lan, of 13 Haiphong Road.

Mr. Lo Shu Ming, building contractor, of 303 Jaffe Road, and Miss Ip Yee Shing of 11 Robinson Road.

Mr. Wong Man Fai, clerk, of 45 Sute Street, and Miss Shi Yuen Wah of 405 Queen's Road West.

Mr. Kan Yuet Keung, solicitor, of 1 Eastern Terrace, and Miss Ng Hin Ping of 50 Tai Po Road.

SPLENDID SALE OF WORK

The sale of work held jointly by the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Home for Blind Girls (Ebeneszer House) at the Women's International Club netted about \$600 on the first day yesterday. Today is the last day, the sale hours being from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The work on display is a variety of handwork by the inmates of two institutions, ranging from babies' dresses to bed linen. It is hoped that friends of the Homes will not miss this last opportunity to make the sale a success.

Shiragano Maru And Fatsan Due Today

Inquiries made at the offices of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and the O. S. K., elicited the information that both the Fatsan and the Shiragano Maru would be arriving at Hongkong today.

The Japanese steamer would be sailing again for Canton at 8 a.m. tomorrow. No definite arrangement had, however, been made in the case of the British-owned steamer, and nothing would be known until after her arrival.

THE WEATHER

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 24.16.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 76 and the minimum 54.

The Royal Observatory Report states:—

A strong anticyclone covers China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest over Manchuria.

(The typhoon is situated about 200 miles to the south-west, moving westward.)

The wedding took place recently at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Mr. James Robertson, of the Chartered Bank and only son of the late James Robertson and of Mrs. Ena S. Robertson of Richmond, Surrey, and Miss Rhoda Victoria Wheldon, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wheldon of Shanghai. The bridesmaids were the Misses Janet Mombler and Joan Carrel, the best man was Mr. H. G. Banham and Messrs. I. H. Bradford and F. R. Burch acted as ushers.

SEXAGENARIAN COMFORT UNIT

TO VISIT SOLDIERS AND REFUGEES

The "comfort" unit, organised by several Chinese elders in Hongkong, all over 60, for a tour on foot to China to visit war refugees and wounded soldiers, will leave for Kwantung this week-end, according to Mr. Teng Hung-shun, leader of the unit.

Three of the members, it is learned, left on Monday to make arrangements.

The party will call on various military and civil leaders after their arrival in Kwantung. Then they will visit the refugees and soldiers in different places in the province, after which they will proceed to other provinces, ending their journey in Chungking.

COMFORT ARTICLES

They will carry with them a large amount of "comfort" articles contributed by various local Chinese public organisations.

This is the first "comfort" unit comprising members all above the age of 60 who at one time were connected with the Kuomintang or the Chinese Revolutionary Army. Despite their advanced age, they are all in good health.

LEADER AGED 75

The leader, Mr. Teng Hung-shun, is 75 in 1905, he was appointed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Chairman of the Perak branch of the Tung Meng Hui, forerunner of the Kuomintang.

A.R.P. ORDERS

DECEMBER 4, 1940

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Parkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Warden's are permitted to resign:—Gough Hill—1519 L. W. Wade (on leaving the Colony); Mongkok—1857 Elderman Ho; Western—2483 So Kong-fung, and Central—136 Wong Wai, 137 Ho Che-chau.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deputy District Warden, District "E", Miss Chan Sun-kwai, Kowloon City, leave extended from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Deputy District Warden, "C", Western, P. K. Cheng, to 30 Wellington St., 1st floor; Deputy District Warden, "C", Upper Levels, Lo Yu-van, to 3A Alveston Terrace, ground floor; Divisional Warden, Western, J. B. Harrison, to 501 The Peak (Tel. 29144).

APPOINTMENTS

Divisional Warden, S. E. Faber, to be Acting Deputy Air Raid Warden (temporary) for Kowloon. Gough Hill—S/W A. L. Potter to be District Warden, Gough Hill. Western Division—Deputy District Warden "B", Lo Chik-ki to be District Warden "E", 1131 Yip Ching-yuen to be Deputy District Warden (acting), 320 S/W Lau Chak-sang to be Deputy District Warden (acting), 1980 G/W Au Tin-fat to be Deputy District Warden "D".

TRANSFER

520 S/W Lau Chak-sang, Upper Levels, transferred to Western Division.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from Dec. 4. Bay View—To be Senior Wardens—48 Woo Kai-kwan, 67 Li Chung-wah, 69 C. Lo, 76 N. Wong, 75 Tam Cheung, 23 Tam Wah, 22 Wong, 47 Wong, 13 Nim-chee, 13 Y. Cheuk-man, 9 Li.

To be Deputy Group Warden—16 S/W Chan Pui-yuen; To be Group Wardens—21 S/W Mok Kaiming, 5 S/W Law Ngai-hum, 4 S/W Ng Kung-hung; Eastern—724 Ip King-chuen, L.A.R.P.S. to be senior warden; Hung-hom—To be Group Warden—2307 S/W Heung Yu-chow, 2323 S/W Wong Wing-shak; To be Deputy Group Wardens—2306 Tam Ming-fai, 2237 Miss Lau Chun-keung; To be Senior Wardens—2291, Sheh Sze-fan, 2345 Pung Shui-sang; To be Deputy Senior Wardens—2324 Wong Shu-kan, 2346 Lam Kwing-yiu, 2362 Tsang Hin-kwong; Tsimshatsui—To be Deputy Senior Warden—1583 Tang Wan.

TRAINING

Shamshupo Squad Drill.—Squad Drill on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. at the Police Training School, Eastern Parade.—Eastern Division will parade for inspection in Morrison Hill Road, opposite A.R.P. School, facing west, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m. Uniform will be worn.

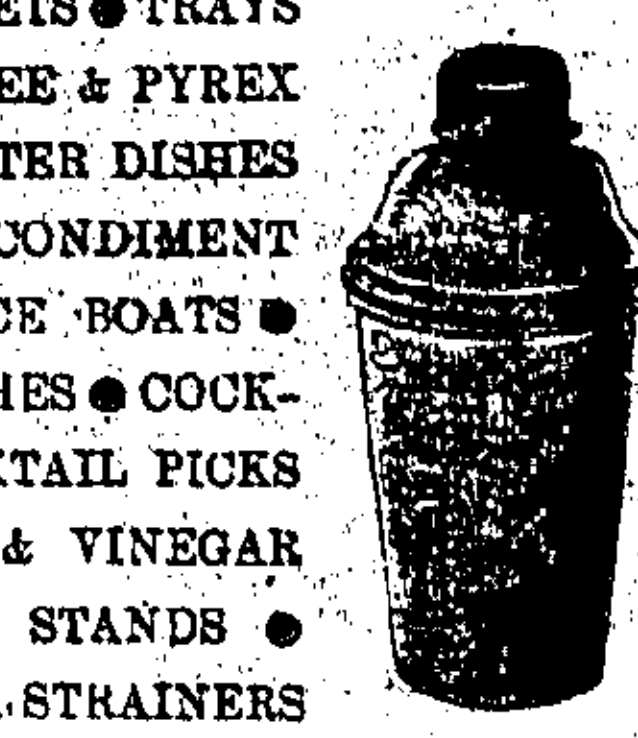
MEETING

Divisional Wardens—Hongkong.—There will be a meeting of all Divisional Wardens of Hongkong and Kowloon in the Ladies' Room, Sports Club, King's Building, on Monday, Dec. 9, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss arrangements for the inspection of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens by

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DONATIONS IN KIND

Two tons "Organo" Organic Fertilizer Co.; 400 pieces of firewood Sandakan Chamber of Commerce; Freightage on firewood Messrs. Jardine and Matheson.

NOVEMBER DONATIONS

Four sympathisers \$50, Mr. N. I. Cheung 1, Mr. Chang Kwat Yau 2.

H.E. the Acting Governor (on Dec. 2).

Officers Meeting—Shamshupo.—There will be a meeting of District Wardens and their Deputies on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Yee Kuk Street Dispensary.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE

Wardens Classes (in Chinese)

Syllabus A

C268 King's College, Bonham Road.

Mon, Wed and Fri. at 7.30 p.m., commencing on Dec. 6. Lecturer.—Mr. Chaf Kwong-kia, L.A.R.P.S.; C 269

Mun Sang College, 47 Kai Yan Road, Wed. and Sat. at 7.30 p.m., commencing on Dec. 7. Lecturer.—Mr. Ho Chok-nam, L.A.R.P.S.; C 270 Chinese Chamber Commerce, Mon. and Fri. at 7.30 p.m., commencing on Dec. 8. Lecturer.—Mr. Pang Wai-chee, L.A.R.P.S.; C 271 Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street, Tues, Thurs and Sat. at 6 p.m., commencing on Dec. 7. Lecturer.—Mr. Wan Lai-yi, L.A.R.P.S.; C 272 Yuet Sau School, 209 Yee Chau Street, Shamshupo, Mon, Wed and Fri. at 7 p.m., commencing on Dec. 9. Lecturer.—Mr. Hung Man-fong, L.A.R.P.S.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following have qualified as Decontamination Instructors:—(O.L.) H. J. Bascombe, and S. K. Luk.

The following have qualified as Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service:—O. R. Lee, A. Xavier, A. B. de Sousa, R. Remedios, P. H. Bowrey, Miss Yu Wai-lan, Leung Ping-hong, Miss Yu King-wai, Miss Chan Koon-ying, 51 Chung Ying-lu, Yau-mat Division—2172 (T) Mrs. D. R. Pengelly has qualified as an Air Raid Warden.

(Sgd) B. H. PUCKLE, Deputy Director of A.R.P. (To be Continued).

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Escape After Fight With Pirate Craft

Just before arrival in Hongkong on Tuesday Wong succumbed to his injuries.

The junk was carrying general cargo worth \$4,402.

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DISCUSSION GROUP

NEWSETTES

NEWSSETTES

(The Rt. Hon. Sir John Latham, G.C.M.G., K.C., and party are now expected to arrive at Government House tomorrow and to leave Dec. 7 or 8. Captain W. E. Houston-Boswall, M.C., is now expected to leave Government House tomorrow.

NEW PHASE IN WAR

No Reason To Exaggerate Seriousness Of Shipping Losses: Menace Will Be Overcome Just As In 1917

"The Italians are now being hammered on sea and in the air and our Fleet Air Arm has been

SHIPPING FIGURES

"There is another point we are apt to forget. The more Herr Hitler extends his frontiers, the more vulnerable he becomes. If you measure the length of the frontiers he has conquered you will see that it goes into thousands of miles of hostile frontiers and much of it is

ESCAPING MEN SLEPT IN NAZI GUARD'S HOUSE

On the fifth night the men reached the sea, and on the outskirts of a village they found a German headquarters. They chose what appeared to be an empty house 100 yards away, and went to bed in the attic, but had a nasty awakening. The guard had come home to sleep.

When the men made their secretry the guard saw them in beam of a lighthouse. Machine gun fire opened and bullets the water close to the boat. The men sailed away and set out by the stars.

Then they were rescued by trawler.

20 THOUSAND JAPANESE KILLED IN HUPEH: COMMANDER COMMENDED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 4 (Central).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphed to General Ma Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces in Hupeh, commending his wise direction of the recent operations in central and northern Hupeh resulting in a Japanese debacle, and instructed him to report all the Chinese officers and men who displayed unusual gallantry in the recent Hupeh battle.

1941 Will See Air Superiority Of The Allies Established

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French, told Reuter today that the Germans will soon be making a new move, probably in the Mediterranean, and that 1941 will see the air superiority of the Allies established.

"I do not think the Germans will wait for that, but will try some important movement. I think they will carry the war into the Mediterranean."

The General considered that the French national opinion is now gradually turning against the German. The people of France are beginning to realise that there is no hope for the continued existence of their country without the defeat of Germany.

LAVAL DID NOT KNOW

M. Laval himself did not quite know where his negotiations with the Germans would end, but the sort of collaboration which M. Laval is seeking would mean the domination of France by Germany, and the utilisation of her resources by the enemy.

Gen. de Gaulle added that he was convinced the Germans' first aim is to use what remained of the French Fleet.

"The aim of the Free French is to rally the French Empire to their side in a way which will contribute the liberation of France and allow France not only to recover her own liberty, but to participate in the re-establishment for the liberty of the world."

BANKS CLOSING JAN. 1, 1941

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—All banks in England, Wales and Northern Ireland are closing on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1941, in order to work uninterrupted on that day which, however is not a general public holiday.

ITALIAN HOOLIGANISM IN TANGIER

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—It is understood in authoritative quarters that Italian hooliganism in Tangier has already been the subject of representations made locally by Signor Gascoigne, Consul-General, who holds the local rank of Minister to the Spanish Administration.

Assurances have been asked for and received, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

The correspondent adds that a report from Madrid regarding the British reply to Vichy appears premature. It probably refers to the interim reply to Vichy stating the alleged bombing of Marseilles by the R.A.F. is still under investigation and if it is found the R.A.F. is responsible, appropriate measures will be taken.

DAILY EXPENDITURE OF £13 MILLION

LONDON, Dec. 4 (BWS).—Last night's Exchequer returns revealed that Britain's war expenditure touched a new record in the week ended Saturday last of \$90,133,950 representing a daily expenditure of about £13,000,000.

CANADIAN WAR EXPENDITURE

OTTAWA, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, has accepted the suggestion by Mr. Hanson, the Opposition Leader, that a House of Commons committee be set up to examine the current war expenditure and will table necessary motion when Parliament re-assembles in February.

Restrictions In Blockaded Shanghai Area Are Relaxed

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Through the intervention of the Consular Body, the Japanese relaxed somewhat the restrictions in the blockaded western area in regard to foreigners, but the Chinese are still finding difficulties to enter or leave the district.

Foreigners are now able to leave and enter the area by certain roads where all foreign pedestrian and vehicular traffic are being inspected by Japanese gendarmes and Japanese-controlled Chinese policemen.

STOCKS EXHAUSTED

Chinese caught in the blockaded zone are becoming frantic as all stocks and foodstuffs in the district are exhausted.

All shops in the area still remain closed while patrols of Japanese gendarmes and plainclothesmen are continuing the search of residences.

Japanese officials, it is reported, intimated the restrictions would not be lifted until they are assured of the hopelessness of the hunt.

EXTRA-SETTLEMENT AREA POLICING

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—An agreement concerning the policing of the extra-settlement area was reached as the result of talks between the S.M.C. Police Commissioner and the Special Municipality Police Chief.

The agreement is subject to the approval of Council and the Shanghai Special Municipal Government. It is hoped that the agreement reached between the two police heads may be forwarded officially to the Council by the Shanghai Special Municipal Government in the near future.

NEW DEPARTURE IN MILITARY TRAINING

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—A new departure in military training in Canada is skilful and for this a school of instruction has been opened in Ottawa.

Many ski clubs are placing their facilities at the disposal of active units and a club of instructors have voluntarily offered their service.

JEWISH QUESTION IMMINENT

BUDAPEST, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Hungary must accustom herself to the restrictions," declared the Prime Minister, Count Teleki, speaking in Parliament at the close of the budget debate.

"Hungary's allies are at war and that is why it may not be that Hungary has abundance while the peoples of the Axis are submitting to very heavy restrictions."

Bread and flour would be mixed with maize and potatoes and ration cards for fats would be withdrawn from Orthodox Jews.

The direction of Hungary's foreign policy was clear. Hungary was adapting herself in concrete form to the new Europe.

The Jewish question was one of the most imminent and the Government wanted to prevent the 800,000 Jews living in Hungary from mixing with the Hungarian nation.

Enemy Attacks On London & Birmingham

LONDON, Dec. 4 (BWS).—The Air Ministry and Ministry for Home Security communique on last night's enemy air raids on Britain says:

"Last night, the enemy attacked London and the Midlands and bombs were also dropped at various scattered points between these areas and the coast. The attacks were not on a large scale nor of a long duration and ceased soon after 10 p.m."

"The total number of killed and injured should not prove to be large."

"In the Midlands, a number of fires which were soon brought under control was caused, but no large fires are reported in the London area nor were any important objectives damaged there."

It is understood that the raid in the Midlands was mainly in the Birmingham area.

GREEKS TWICE AS FAR

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Heavy snow is falling on the northern front where the Italians are retreating and some of them have gone seriously near the Yugoslav frontier.

The Italians have called up youths of 19 years of age to the colours and 250,000 of these have joined the colours.

Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the British Mediterranean Fleet, has congratulated the personnel of the Greek Navy on the skill they have displayed. He made particular mention of the activities of Greek destroyers and submarines where they were opposed to superior forces.

Turkey is watching this fight for freedom with a keen eye and the Ankara radio yesterday said the Greek advance on the southern front has developed without any enemy opposition.

OPENED DOOR
One Turkish newspaper stated: "Albania was the bridgehead for Italy in the Balkans, but now that Italy has been unable to crush Greek resistance, she has opened the door of the Balkans to Britain and it is Britain now who has the bridgehead, with Greece, into the Balkans."

Reports from the Balkan countries still show stiffening attitudes. Bulgaria has again expressed her desire for peace and neutrality, but affirms her determination to retain her independence.

Yugoslavia is going the same way and both countries have taken military measures to carry out this policy.

A report from Turkey says: "Any attempt to impose the new order on Turkey will be taken as an attack on her independence and she will fight until victory is obtained. The activities for the setting up of this new order in Europe have come to a standstill."

FOR GREEK RED CROSS
LONDON, Dec. 4 (BWS).—The New Zealand National Patriotic Fund has asked the High Commissioner to forward £2,000 sterling to the Greek Red Cross Society.

This amount has been despatched through the British Red Cross Society.

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VICHY'S RELATIONS WITH BERLIN

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expulsions, but a great deal has been done already to embitter Franco-German relations. The Frenchmen realise only too well that the German leopard will never change his spots.

"M. Laval himself is said to have been shocked or so he said he was, at the Lorraine expulsions, but now there is no question of discussing any final peace terms."

"I say this because, strange though it may seem, the Vichy Government has a big task before it to stave off the kind of peace that Germany would like to impose on them. I will refer to this question again in a minute or so."

OTHER FACTORS
There are other factors which have to be considered in these relations for collaboration with Germany. To begin with, the international situation has certainly not evolved in Germany's favour since Herr Hitler made his fruitless offer to Marshal Petain. On the other hand, the British are fighting with renewed strength and on the top of that the hammering which the Italians have taken have served as an indication that there is a weak spot in the Axis which might be exploited further.

"Then there is the French internal situation. It is now some time since the Germans have thrown off their mask of decency and have shown themselves to be the same old Boches—brutal, arrogant, greedy. This has stirred the French people from their former apathy and lethargy."

"I don't mean that they will rise up against their conquerors in one night. They are not in a position to do so, but they are beginning to stir. I need only remind you that a few days ago eleven students were killed while demonstrating against their conquerors and since then many others have been rounded up and sent to concentration camps."

"I know many of these students. Politically they are immature and have done many stupid things, like the riots of 1934. But they are intensely patriotic in their upbringing and they have started something now which they intend to finish off in due time."

"And now," said Mr. Caviat, "I would like to go back to the bargaining counter in which I said that the French people had no dealings with the Germans."

UNIQUE POSITION
"It is not easy to find a historical parallel to this position. Metropolitan France is at Germany's mercy and yet the Germans are hesitating to push the Vichy Government too far and the French Empire remains intact."

"If Germany occupies the whole of France, there is no doubt that the French Empire will break away. On the other hand, if the French at home are so intractable, the Germans might well decide to take over the whole country, and if they did, they are certain to

Oil Pipelines In Rumania Nationalised

BERLIN, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—All oil pipelines in Rumania and installations attached to them have been nationalised by a Government decree, says a German news agency message from Bucharest.

The decree states that all pipelines not registered with the Government by the present owners within a fortnight will be taken over without compensation. All Jewish-owned gasworks and river vessels are also being taken over by the State.

DEVELOPMENT OF NAVAL, AIR BASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The War Department disclosed President Roosevelt has allotted to the Army \$25,000,000 for its share of expenditures of developing naval and air bases on sites acquired from Britain in the Atlantic and Caribbean.

This is in addition to the \$50,000,000 previously allotted to the Navy for its share of the expenditures.

"And so the struggle continues in France itself between the Lavalites and those who are not prepared to give anything away. But there are also signs that a healthier spirit is in the process of generation."

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 4, 1940.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 60 days sight 24	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 380	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 101	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2	
On demand 1/2 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 1/4	
Credits 60 days sight 24	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 1/2	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 1/2	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz 22 13/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
The price for Ready Silver was unchanged yesterday but the forward rate rose 1/16, the quotations being 22 13/16 and 22 7/8 respectively. Silver advances reported speculators as having bought to a small extent. The market was steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for spot.
The London-New York cross rate was quoted at 402-1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

STERLING.

There were sellers at 1/3 December-January, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 9/16 for cash and forward, buyers at 23 11/16 for cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at various rates. The market closed with sellers at 393 for spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 325/32 and closed a shade steadier with sellers at 351/64 for spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.15/16 for spot and at the close there were sellers at 5.31/32 for spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 4 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates	Opening
London	0/8-11/16
New York	5-3/4
Japan	24-3/8
India	20-3/8 N
Hongkong	24-1/2

Sterling

Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-25/32
Dec.	0/3-25/32
Jan.	0/3-25/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot	Dec.	Jan.
5-15/16	5-31/32	5-31/32
5-15/16	5-31/32	5-31/32
5-23/32	5-15/16	5-15/16

Market—Steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalization rate was 202 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 3 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 3 (Reuters).

Silver—Little speculative buying. Business very small. Market quiet but steady. In the afternoon, the market was quiet.

Spot, 22-13/16d.

Forward, 22-7/8d.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 3 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2257-5/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 2260-1/8.

Market—Steady.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, December 3, 1940.	Previous Close	Dec. 3	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER			
S. P. O. T.	38-3/8	38-3/8	unch.
JAN-MARCH	37-3/8	37-3/8	up 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	35-7/8	35	up 3/8

The market was steady.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 3	Change
S. P. O. T.	11-3/4	11-13/16	up 1/16
JANUARY	11-15/16	12	up 1/16
FEBRUARY	12	12-1/8	up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	12	12-1/8	up 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	11-7/8	12	up 1/8

The smallness of the estimates of rubber shipped from Malaya during November, together with trade demand, scarcity sellers resulted in a steadier market. Business was moderate.

NEW YORK COTTON: The lifting influence of the loan together with the Government's future policy which prevents any decided trend in either direction. At the moment, the purchase of July at a discount appears to be safe. Much improvement in the gray-goods demand is indicated.

NEW YORK RUBBER: There was some Trade buying and short-covering on the uncertainty with regard to the Far Eastern situation.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.93; Today's close, 130.78; Change, off 15.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Today's	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.19	10.10	10.09	07 up
New York Rubber, March	20.39	20.27	20.22	13 up
Chicago Wheat, May	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, March	12.50	12.37	12.34	10 off

Total sales Monday—65,500 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March	20.22/22	20.25b/29a	20.35b/39a	13	up
May	20.00/00	20.10/10	20.15/15	15	up
July (New contract) ...	19.70b/80a	19.70b/95a	19.93b	23	up

Total sales—900 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	May	7 1/2/87	8 1/2/87	8 1/2/87	1 off
July	83/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	1 off	

Monday's sales—12,568,000 bushels.

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NEW YORK HIDES				
March	1254/55	1243/43	1244b	10 off
June		1215b/25b	1222/22	

NEW YORK HIDES

	March	12.54/55	12.43/43	12.44b	10 off
June			12.15b/35a	12.26/26	

Total sales for the day—70 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 3.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

£	supplies and services cost £90,
War Loan, 3½% (Red, after 1952)	134,000 compared with the £72,
102-15/16	356,000 of the previous week,
Defence Loan, 3% 102	daily increase of over 2½ million
London-Klondike Rly. 5% 12	Sterling.

BRITAIN'S RECORD WAR EXPENDITURE

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuters).

Britain is now spending £12,875,000 daily on the war—a record figure. Exchequer returns for the last week issued yesterday show that during that period supplies and services cost £29,134,000 compared with the £27,250,000 of the previous week, a daily increase of over 2 1/2 million Sterling.

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 3 (Reuters).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 1987.

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S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.

S'hai Waterworks "A"

Union Insurance

Gula Kalumpung Rubber

Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.

Great Western Rly.

National Bank of India

S. A. Tob. (bearer)

Dunlop Rubber

Bristol Aeroplane

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 4, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 3	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 3
Adams Express	5 1/2		Loew's Inc.	31 1/2	
Allegany Steel Co.	23 1/2		Loft Incorporated	20 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	34 1/2		Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	78 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	32	
Amer. Can.	87 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26	
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2		Montgomery Ward	37 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	1		Mt. Airy Copper Co.	3 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	15		National Aviation	10 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	19 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	7 1/2		National Distillers	23	
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2		Nat. Lead	18 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	45		Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2		National Supply Corp.	6 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	166 1/2		New York Central	13 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	70 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	3 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	7		N. American Aviation	17 1/2	
Amoco Copper	27 1/2		North American Co.	16 1/2	
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	16 1/2		Northern Pacific	6 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	48 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	48	
Baldwin Locomotive	14 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	31		Packard Motors	31	
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2		Pan-American Airways	18	
Barnes Oil	9		Paramount Pictures	10 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	32 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	85 1/2		Philadelphia Read. Coal	39 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	3 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	29	
Borg-Warner	20 1/2		Pullman Inc.	26	
Briggs Mfg.	23 1/2		Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Budd M'facturing Corp.	5		Radio Corp. of Am.	41	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	38		Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2	
Case, J.I.	60 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	6 1/2	
Celanese	27 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	42 1/2		Republic Steel	23 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	78 1/2		Revere Corp.	11 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	48		Reynold Tobacco "B"	32	
Commercial Credit Co.	31 1/2		Safeway Stores	44	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2		Schenley Distillers	10 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	22		Sears Roebuck	75 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2		Shell Union Oil	10 1/2	
Continental Can	37 1/2		Secony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2	
Continental Oil	19 1/2		Southern Pacific	8 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	19 1/2		Southern Ry. 5 pfd.	21	
Curtis Wright (C.)	82		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33 1/2	
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2		Standard Brands	6 1/2	
Deere & Co.	20 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2		Standard Oil of California	17 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	78 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	73 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	156 1/2		Stone & Webster	31	
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2		Studebaker Corp.	7 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33		Swift International	17 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	35 1/2		Technicolor	10	
Elec. Bond & Share	47		Texas Corp.	38 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	54		Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	55 1/2		Timken-Axle	29 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light \$5 pf.	31		Trans-America Co.	4 1/2	
Flintkote	18 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	54 1/2		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2	
Gen. Electric	33 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	72	
Gen. Motors	47 1/2		Union Pacific	78 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2		United Aircraft	42	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2	
Gillette Co.	14 1/2		United Corp.	29	
Goodrich (B.F.)	14 1/2		United Corp. 33 cum pf.	15	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	63 1/2		United Gas Corp.	10 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17		United Gas Improvement	15	
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	21 1/2	
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	28 1/2		U.S. Rubber	23 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	20 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$5 pfd.	89 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	10 1/2		U.S. Smelting	65 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	72 1/2		U.S. Steel	67 1/2	
Homestead Mills	49 1/2		Vanadium	33	
Int. Nickel	23 1/2		Vulcan Aircraft	8 1/2	
Inter. Paper & Power	16 1/2		Walworth Co.	5 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	13		Warner Bros. Pict.	31	
Remittcott Copper	34 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	104	
Lake Foundry & Mac.	41		Woodward Iron Cor.	32	
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Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2		National City Bank	28 1/2	

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ALLIED TONNAGE HE WANTS TO BORROW \$1,000,000 IN GOLD

NEW U-BOATS PUT INTO SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter) — During the week ending Nov. 15 enemy action accounted for 19 British ships totalling 75,000 tons, and three allied vessels totalling nearly 12,500 tons.

These figures are above the weekly average but are not half of those in the worst week. The Germans are putting into service their new submarines and now have the whole of the French coast to use for bases. British experts are hard at work devising ways of meeting the problem while a steady stream of new warships is going into service. Some of the new U-Boats never even get to sea.

LORIENT RAIDS
That is the story behind the repeated R.A.F. raids on Lorient which again on Monday night had a case of British bombs.

While this is going on the United States is selling us shipping already in service and building new ships for us.

Britain meanwhile is making the best use of the tonnage she has and is doing without non-essentials to make more space for shipments of munitions and other war materials.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 4.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.18 ins.
Temperature, 72 F.
Humidity, 88 per cent.
Wind Direction, ESE
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 72 F.
Temperature: Minimum last night, 64 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.58 ins.
Against an average of, 54.18 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.49 a.m.

1 p.m., Dec. 4.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.
Temperature, 72 F.
Humidity, 70 per cent.
Wind Direction, E
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Maximum temperature, 76 F.
Minimum temperature, 64 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 5 to 11 Dec. 1940.

Day of Week	Date of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	5	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 18	5 0	07 37	1 9
Fri.	6	09 36	5 4	08 31	4 8
		18 20	5 1	19 40	4 8
Sat.	7	01 23	5 8	09 23	5 4
		17 15	5 4	21 58	4 7
Sun.	8	03 04	5 2	10 16	2 7
		17 55	5 6	23 40	4 4
Mon.	9	04 50	4 9	11 04	2 9
		18 38	6 0		
Tues.	10	06 20	5 6	00 40	2 7
		17 54	6 4	11 60	3 1
Wed.	11	07 25	4 8	01 29	3 2
		19 15	6 6	12 30	3 2

HE WANTS TO BORROW \$1,000,000 IN GOLD

Mr. Clifford Johnston wants to borrow a million pounds or more in gold and is willing to pay 1½ per cent for it.

He is the man behind an advertisement which appeared recently. He is a member of the council of the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders, chairman of the Guardian Investment Trust, and director of many companies.

He offers 200 per cent security, half of it in British Two-and-a-Half per cent War Bonds. The loan is to be for seven years, repayable in either gold or sterling, and he does not require physical possession of the gold.

He desires an option to buy the gold in seven years at today's price.

"This," he explained, "is a plan to set gold to work."

"I have, say, £1,000,000 in War Bonds. I borrow £1,000,000 in gold in New York, turn this over to the British Treasury there, and receive another £1,000,000 War Loan. I have then £2,000,000 War Loan, which provides security for the loan of the gold."

HOW IT WORKS

"The owners of gold in the United States at present receive no interest on their gold. I pay the lender 1½ per cent. I get 2½ per cent on the War Bonds. This goes on for seven years."

"At the end of that time the War Bonds are repaid, and I pay the lender back in sterling, dollars, or gold. If the value of gold has increased, I can exercise my option to buy it at today's high price. If it has gone down, I return the loan in gold."

"It may be that as a result of the war all gold will be in the U.S.A., and that other countries will have abandoned it as a medium of exchange, and its price may have fallen greatly to its value to dentists and others. In that case I could buy gold cheaply to return to the lender."

GOLD WOULD NOT MOVE

"The scheme can be extended indefinitely. Each purchase of War Bonds provides security for further

borrowing of gold and purchase of War Bonds.

"It is really a practical method of getting to work the vast amounts of gold now idle. It would provide a great deal of money for the purchase of War Bonds."

By Mr. Johnston's plan, the gold itself would not be moved. At present it is earmarked in favour of the present owner. When he borrows it the earmarking would transfer to him, and then to the British Treasury, who would use it for war purchases in the U.S.A. And it would be earning 1½ per cent for its owner, and 1½ per cent for Mr. Johnston.

DOMINIONS NOT TO BE INFORMED OF GOVT. DECISIONS

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter) — For wartime purposes the British Government is departing from the previous invariable practice of sending all important Cabinet decisions to all Dominions.

The Dominions Secretary, Viscount Caldecote, indicated that such communications were not being made to Eire.

This assurance was made in reply to a questioner's suggestion that "there are German and Italian Legations in Dublin in constant touch with Rome and Berlin."

Mr. Gen. Sir Edwin Atkinson, on behalf of the British Volunteer Ambulance Corps, handed over to Col. K. B. Fraser, of the Australian Imperial Forces, two ambulances, one provided by the people of Southampton and the other by Kingston-upon-Hull.

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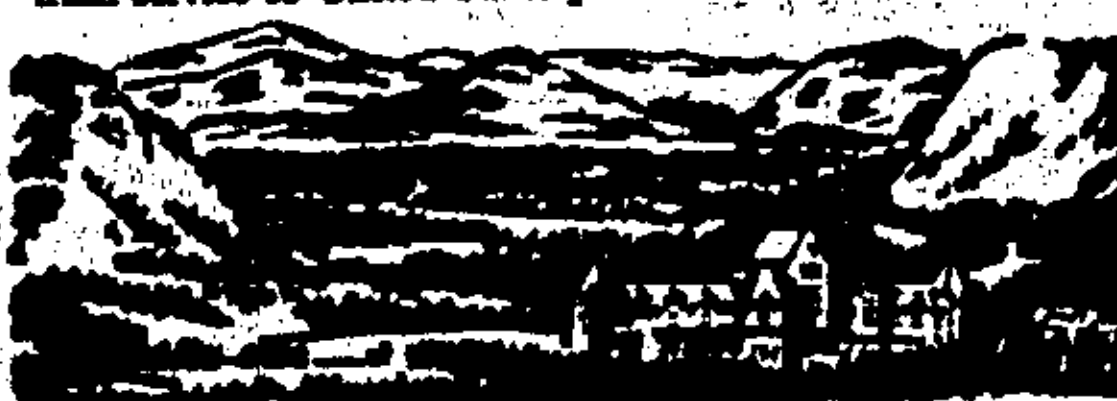
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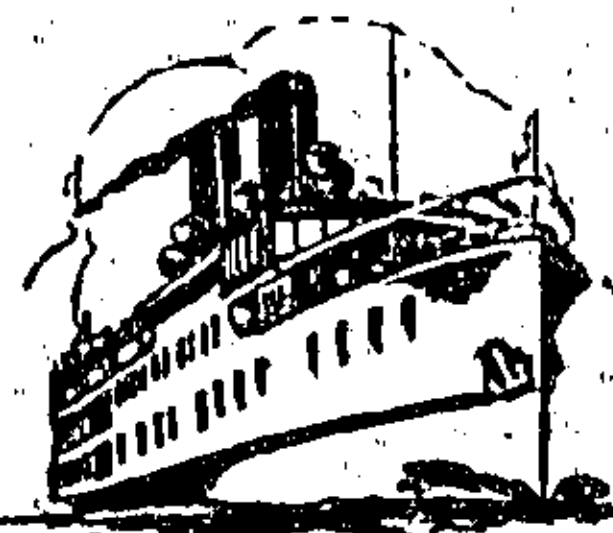
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POLICE CHIEF BLAMES CRAZE FOR SPEED

"Better motor roads increase motoring accidents," stated Mr. G. S. Baker, Superintendent of Police, to a representative of the Ceylon Observer, commenting on the increase of accidents for the third quarter of this year.

He appeals to motorists to keep to the speed limit and to keep well to the left of the road.

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

The following is the agenda of the Council meeting of the Hongkong Football Association which will be held at the Association's office on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 5.30 p.m.

Minutes of Council meeting No. 5; of League Management Committee meeting No. 7; of Emergency Sub-Committee meeting No. 3.

Accounts.
Draw of 1st round Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition. Selecting grounds.
Draw of Senior and Junior Shield.
Correspondence.
Any other business.

GOLF COMPETITION FOR NURSES

A Tombstone Competition for golfing members of the V. A. D. and A. N. S. is being held at Fanning (New Course) on Tuesday, Dec. 17, for which Mrs. A. V. Greaves is presenting a prize. Draw for partners will be made at the Ladies Club House at 11.30 a.m.

Tea will be served at 4.45 p.m., when the prize will be presented. Will those members of the A. N. S. wishing to play, please send in their names to Mrs. Valentine, Hon. Sec. A. N. S. Queen Mary Hospital.

MATCH POSTPONED

Owing to Volunteer Camp the Third Division football match between the A.S.A. and R. E. scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8, has been postponed.

CRICKET MATCH

A cricket match between the European V. M. C. A. and the Civil Service Club will be played on the Civil Service Club ground on Dec. 22. The V. M. C. A. team has not yet been selected.

HELLENIC TRADER REFLOATED

The S.A. Hellenic Trader, which went aground in an exposed position in the Hainan Straits at 8 o'clock on Tuesday night, was refloated yesterday at 2 a.m., evidently on her own power and before the arrival of the tugboat Henry Keswick which was sent to her assistance.

A Japanese ship, the Talkoo Maru, also answered the ship's S.O.S.

11 SHIPS TO BE BUILT HERE

Eleven ships, representing tonnage of over 100,000 are to be built in Hongkong. Five keels, it is learned, have already been laid down.

The work of construction is being shared by the Talkoo Dockyard and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

Each vessel is to be of 9,200 tons deadweight, and it is expected that they will be used as cargo boats.

SQUEEZE RACKET IN FULL SWING

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and the woman, gathering up about half a dozen applications forms from her friends in the queue sauntered calmly up the steps and into the office as the Indian policemen opened the grill for her.

MANY OTHERS

This is but one of the rackets which are practiced openly at the Immigration Office. There are others, which careful observation will reveal—such as unemployed who came up early in the morning and take up a good position in the queues and sell it for \$2 to

anyone wanting to get the task of getting their application considered finished in a hurry. There are the "bookers" who make their way in and obtain forms and sell them for a dollar to those who would otherwise have to wait nearly the whole day to get one.

Are these the necessary and unavoidable evils of immigration control? We wonder.

(Since the above was written a letter from a Chinese correspondent, asking out what has been referred to above was received and is published on Page 6 of this issue.—Ed.)

Iron Guard Disarmed

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—The Rumanian Iron Guard are being disarmed, according to a message from Bucharest.

Iron Guards and other Rumanians are ordered to surrender their arms and ammunition within three days, failing which they are threatened with up to five years' imprisonment and loss of property.

Many people are reported to have been arrested in connection with the recent disorders and the murderers of the former Prime Minister, M. Jorga, and ex-Minister, M. Madgearu, are reported to have been executed.

DEATH OF MR. G. H. CHUBB

The death has been reported from Swatow of Mr. George H. Chubb in his 40th year. The late Mr. Chubb was in charge of the Standard Oil Company of New York's godown at Swatow and was in the employ of the company for the past five years.

He had been previously stationed at Canton, Manila, and for a short period in Hongkong. He leaves a wife at Swatow, two brothers, Jack and Thomas, a sister, Annie, and his mother at Fochow.

This is inexcusable as it is the best highway in the island.

"It is a point of interest that private cars have been at fault in more accidents than in the previous quarter. The culpability of the pedestrian has in proportion decreased considerably."

"It is another bad feature of this 3rd quarter that seven fatal accidents occurred against three in the 2nd quarter. Three of these fatal accidents occurred on the Prince of Wales Avenue and two on the Galle Road, once again showing that it is on the good wide straight road that the motorists are the greatest trouble."

"Such figures would appear to show that it is dangerous to cater for the motorist."

BLUM AND REYNAUD ON TRIAL

The Vichy Government's "war guilt" Court at Blom was asked on Oct. 19 by the Public Prosecutor to indict two former Prime Ministers, Leon Blum and Paul Reynaud, and the former Minister of the Interior and Foreign Minister, Georges Mandel, on serious charges.

ALLEGED BETRAYAL
The prosecutor sought an indictment against M. Blum for "betrayal of the duties of his charge," an indictment against M. Mandel for "corruption and speculation on the value of the national currency," and an indictment against M. Reynaud for "embezzlement of public funds."

He asked further that two former members of M. Reynaud's personal staff, M. Leca and M. Devaux, be charged with being presumed accomplices.

The principal allegations against M. Blum are that he was a "bellicist" prepared to engage France in war to defend his personal ideologies; that his social policies, by placing emphasis on leisure rather than on labour restricted the production of armaments to a dangerous point, and that as Prime Minister he must have known that his Minister of Finance, M. Vincent Auriol, was diverting to other purposes the appropriations and loans earmarked for national defence.

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—With the basic treaty with Japan and the Nanking regime now concluded, it is reported that General Nobuyuki Abe is expected to leave for Japan some time this month and that he will resign his position as Special Ambassador to the Nanking Government. It is expected a new Ambassador will be appointed shortly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (Reuter).—Major-General James Chaney of the United States Air Corps, who has returned after a survey of the position in Britain, told the press he was very optimistic regarding the outcome of the war from the British point of view.

The "service charge" of 10 per cent, in lieu of tips, introduced in L.N.E.R. restaurant cars last April, is now in force throughout all L.N.E.R. hotels the proceeds being divided among staffs.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

The Parcel Post Service to Canton has been resumed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) By Sea from Singapore.	5th Dec.
Bandakan	5th Dec.
Canton	5th Dec.
Java and Manila	5th Dec.
Australia and Manila	5th Dec.
London and Manila	7th Dec.
Swatow	7th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 1st December	8th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 4th December	11th Dec.
Canton	11th Dec.
Java and Manila	13th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 22nd November)	14th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 18th November)	16th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 27th November)	16th Dec.
London and Straits	18th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	18th Dec.
Australia and Manila	24th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	26th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Date and Time
THURSDAY	
Manila, Macassar and Soerabaya	Thurs. 5th 8.30 AM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 1.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban	8.30 PM
	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Straits and United - Kingdom	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	
Canton	Fri. 5th 7.15 AM
	K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Hongkong to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	
Bandakan	Sat. 7th 8.30 AM
	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and United Kingdom via Victoria B.C.	5.30 PM
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SUNDAY	
	Sun. 8th
	K.P.O. Reg. 7th 5.00 PM Ord. 7th 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 7th 5.00 PM Ord. 8th Noon
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
TUESDAY	
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa via Durban	Tue. 10th 2.30 PM
	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Bandakan	Wed. 11th 8.30 AM
	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A. & Europe via "Pan American Airways" and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
THURSDAY	
Canton	Thurs. 12th 7.15 AM
	K.P.O. Reg. 10.00 AM Ord. 10.30 AM
	G.P.O. Reg. 10.00 AM Ord. 10.30 AM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	10.30 AM
Straits and Calcutta	11.30 AM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	2.30 PM

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